Norms for listing of shares of Public Sector Undertakings

@3896. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria and norms behind selection of the companies for the listing of share of Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) whether Government have proposals to disinvest the Government holdings in all the Public Sector Undertakings, gradually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) All the Public Sector Undertakings in which a part of the Government's shareholding has been disinvested so far, have been asked to get their shares listed on the Stock Exchange.

(b) No, Sir.

Issue of mining licences for cement factories

3897. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mining licences granted to the applicants in the Karbi Anglong and North Cachar district of Assam for starting cement factories;

(b) the applicants who were granted licences till date; and

(c) whether it is a fact that no Assamese entrepreneurs were granted licences for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN):

(a) and (b) Ten mining leases for limestone have been granted by the Government of Assam to the following for setting up Cement Plants:—

1 Cement Corporation of India Limited

2 Shri Prabal Kumar Handigue

3 Sri Harsing Teron

4 Sri Brojen Langthasa

5 Sri Navneet Agarwal

6 Sri Mahavir Jain

7 M/s Meghalaya Minerals

8 Late N M Bawari

9 Sri Mahavir Jain

10 Sri D K Chetiya

(c) No, Sir

Promotion of agro-based industries

3898. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any special provisions for the promotion of agro-industries like tea and cinchona; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Government has been encouraging the setting up of Agro-based industries. Like any other industry, for agro industries also Government provides incentives like infrastructural support, concessional finance, excise benefits, marketing support reservation of items for exclusive production in the small scale sector supply of machinery on hire purchase basis and other technical and consultancy services etc.

A number of schemes are being implemented by the Tea Board for promoting production as well as exports of tea. Some of the measures include:

Production:

(1) Tea plantation Finance Scheme

(2) Tea Machinery and Irrigation Equipment Hire Purchase Scheme.

(3) Tea Area Rejuvenation and consolidation scheme.

(4) New Tea Unit Financing Scheme

(5) Darjeeling Interest Subsidy/Scheme

(6) Scheme for Interest Subsidyon Bank Loan for Irrigation Drainage and Extension Planting.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2977, transferred from the 17th March, 1992.

Exports:

(1) Assistance to exporters for loan in foreign exchange for brand promotion.

(2) Launching of new logo for Darjeeling tea to counter misbranding of other teas as Darjeeling tea.

(3) Uni-national campaign in ARE and Saudi Arabia.

(4) Exemption of Tea bags from ex-Excise Duty.

(5) Abolition of Customs duty on filter paper used in manufacture of tea bags.

(6) Promotion campaign through various offices of Tea Board abroad.

(7) A rebate of additional Excise Duty at the rate of 50 ps/150ps on export of bulk tea.

(8) Full rebate of additional Excise Duty on packet tea exports.

Manufacture of X-ray films by Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Limited

3899. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Photo films Manufacturing Company Limited (HPF) is manufacturing/producing Medical X-Ray Photo Graphic Films or importing jumbo rolls for slitting and confectioning;

(b) what is its installed capacity and production achievement;

(c) what are the names and details of Medical X-Ray Photo Graphic Films Manufacturers and their installed capacity; and

(d) whether Research Organisation has developed indigenous technical know-how for manufacturing Medical X-Ray Photo Graphic Films, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Hindustan Photo Films (HPF) is manufacturing medical X-ray films (celulose Tri-Acctate base) through an integrated process of coating, slitting & confectioning. The requirement of medical X-ray films (Polyester base) is met by conversion from imported jumbo rolls.

(b) HPF's installed capacity and actual production of medical X-ray film during 1990-91 are 4.162 million sq.m. and 3.824 million sq.m. respectively.

(c) HPF is the only unit undertaking integrated manufacture of CTA based medical X-ray films;

(d) M/s. Garware plastic & Polyester Ltd., Bombay is stated to have developed a technology on a bench scale for coating of raw polyester film to be used as X-ray film. They have been issued a letter of intent for manufacture of X-ray film (Polyester base) with a capacity of 3 million sq. m.

Licences for car/motor cycle manufacturing

3900. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the norms fixed for issue of lisences for manufacture and expansion plans for car and mortor-cycles in the country;

(b) whether the present policy of Government is consonant with the supply position of petroleum and its products in the country; and

(c) if not whether Government propose to take any steps in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) *to* (c) Under the New Industrial Policy, manufacture of all types of automobiles except motor cars, have been delicenced. As regards motor (passenger) cars, setting up of new units for the manufacture of cars based on coventional fuels are not being permitted. However Government is encouraging manufacture of passenger cars based on non-conventional sources of energy like photovoltaic power, electric power etc. as these would lead to conservation of fossil fuels including petroleum.

Grant of ownership rights of flatted factories in Okhla

3901. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3179 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1991 and state:

(a) the details of the norms laid down for deciding the eligibility for grant of ownership rights of flatted fatories in Okhla by Delhi Administration ;